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SUB: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER: ATKINSON CONSTRUCTION CO.

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 5920,

1. DURING MEETING DESCRIBED REFTTEL, I RAISED THE PROBLEM OF THE ATKINSON CONSTRUCTION CO., AND EXCELLENT U.S. COMPANY THAT IS FULFILLING ITS DOLLARS EIGHTY MILLION CONTRACT FOR BUILDING THE SABANA YEGUA DAM. I EXPLAINED THAT AN ADDITIONAL DOLLARS TWENTY MILLION HAD BEEN PROPOSED BY HIS LEGAL ADVISER DR. ALVAREZ, WHO ALSO HEADED THE COMMITTEE OVERSEEING THE ATKINSON JOB, FOR CANAL AND ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION WORK AS AN ELABORATION OF THE EXISTING CONTRACT. IN THIS MANNER, THE USUAL PULLING AND TUGGING, CORRUPTION AND INFLUENCE PEDDLING INHERENT IN THE DOMINICAN BIDDING SYSTEM FOR CONTRACTS COULD BE AVOIDED. I CONTINUED THAT ATKINSON IN GOOD FAITH HAD PRESENTED ITS ESTIMATE FOR THE WORK; NOW SOME SUBORDINATES IN THE GOVERNMENT HAD TIPPED OFF OTHER CONSTRUCTION FIRMS AS TO THE CONTENT OF ATKINSON'S BID, ENABLING THEM AUTOMATICALLY TO BID LOWER AND MAKE UP FOR IT LATER THROUGH "COST OVERRUNS". I DECRIED THIS UNFAIR PRACTICE.

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2. BALAGUER REPLIED THAT HE HAD A HIGH OPINION OF ATKINSON. HE HAD, HOWEVER, NOT BEEN INFORMED BY HIS LEGAL ADVISER DR. ALVAREZ OF THIS NEW ASPECT. I URGED THAT WHEN DR. ALVAREZ DID RAISE THE PROBLEM, HE GIVE IT SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION.

3. AT THE SIGNING CEREMONY, I SAW DR. ALVAREZ AND INFORMED

HIM THAT THE ATKINSON BALL WAS TEED WITH THE PRESIDENT
AND THE KICKOFF WAS UP TO HIM. ALVAREZ, WHO SEES THE
PRESIDENT DAILY, SAID HE WOULD PURSUE.
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